

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARLES BURTON RITCHIE,

Defendant.

2:20-CR-164-APG-EJY

Preliminary Order of Forfeiture

This Court finds Charles Burton Ritchie pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Criminal Information charging him with unlawful money transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957. Criminal Information, ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __.

This Court finds Charles Burton Ritchie agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information. Criminal Information ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (b)(2) the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information and the offense to which Charles Burton Ritchie pled guilty.

The following property is any property, real or personal, involved in violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1957, or any property traceable to such property, and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(2); and 21 U.S.C. § 853(p):

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1 1. \$765,000 of the \$1,169,971.10 presently being held in escrow by the law
2 firm of DiMuroGinsberg, PC., the \$404,971.10 is not being forfeited
3 (all of which constitutes property).

4 This Court finds that on the government's motion, the court may at any time enter
5 an order of forfeiture or amend an existing order of forfeiture to include subsequently
6 located property or substitute property pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e) and
7 32.2(b)(2)(C).

8 The in personam criminal forfeiture money judgment complies with *Honeycutt v.*
9 *United States*, 137 S. Ct. 1626 (2017).

10 This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should,
11 reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

12 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND
13 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory
15 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Charles Burton Ritchie in the
16 aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America and
17 shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States
19 of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet
20 government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall
21 describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition
22 contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the
23 government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P.
24 32.2(b)(6) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any
26 individual or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a
27 petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the
28 property, which petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant

1 to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of
2 the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts
3 supporting the petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,
5 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas,
6 Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was
7 not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official
8 internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the
10 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States
11 Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

12 Daniel D. Hollingsworth
13 Assistant United States Attorney
14 James A. Blum
15 Assistant United States Attorney
16 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100
17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice
19 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by
20 the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to
21 administratively forfeit the above-described property.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk
23 send copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

24 DATED August 20, 2020.

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26 ANDREW P. GORDON
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Filing on August 10, 2020.

/s/ Heidi L. Skillin
HEIDI L. SKILLIN
FSA Contractor Paralegal